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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Darwin Moore, 59, Menasha, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to ten months in prison, to be followed by a two-year term of supervised release.

On August 30, 2007, after a one-day bench trial in June, Judge Crabb found Moore guilty of conspiracy to steal money belonging to a gaming casino operated by an Indian tribe. In her written opinion, Judge Crabb found that Moore, and his co-defendant, Bruce Knutson, conspired to steal money from Ho-Chunk Casino in its 2005 Tax Times Blues Giveaway which promised prizes totaling \$50,000 to be given out over a five-hour time span on April 14, 2005. Judge Crabb found that Knutson and Moore submitted 9355 counterfeit entry forms in the contest, in contravention of the contest rules.

As detailed in Judge Crabb's written opinion, defendant Moore purchased four reams of bright orange paper from CopyMax to match the color of the real entry forms, and photocopied the forms along with Knutson at their apartment in Menasha. The two of them then made repeated trips to Ho-Chunk Casino and made multiple

submissions of the counterfeit entry forms into the contest barrel. Judge Crabb also found that Knutson and Moore used two accomplices to help submit additional forms into the contest barrel on the last day of the drawing.

At today's sentencing, Judge Crabb told Moore that what he did was stupid and a very bad decision. She noted that he had a previous conviction for similar conduct in 1972 and a probation sentence did not seem to deter Moore from repeating his attempts to obtain easy money by defrauding casinos.

The charges against Moore and Knutson were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wausau office of the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Gaming Bureau. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

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